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VIA ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Smith v. United States*, No. 20 Civ. 6068 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

This Office represents the United States in the above-referenced action filed pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b) *et seq.* The Government writes respectfully to seek a two-week day extension of time, from October 26, 2020, to November 9, 2020, to respond to the complaint and an adjournment of the conference that is currently scheduled for October 28, 2020, to a date after the answer deadline. We seek this additional time because the Government is in the process of confirming information with the agency, and that information is necessary to respond to the complaint. This is the Government's first request for an extension and an adjournment, and Plaintiff's counsel consents to it.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Time to respond to the complaint extended to November 9, 2020. Conference adjourned from October 28 to November 23, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Code: 3667981. SO ORDERED. 10-27-20*